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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, FR  
SUBJECT: GEORGES MARCHAIS SPEAKS TO 40,000 IN MARSEILLE

1. OVER 40,000 PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD, TURNED OUT TO HEAR GEORGES MARCHAIS SPEAK AT THE MARSEILLE VELODROM STADIUM JANUARY 21. THEY CAME FROM BOUCHES-DU-RHONE AND NEIGHBORING DEPARTMENTS. LEADOFF SPEAKERS WERE GUY HERMIER OF THE PC'S POLITICAL BUREAU AND JEAN MICHEL CATALA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH MOVEMENT.
2. HERMIER CALLED FOR A MINUTE OF SILENCE IN HOMAGE OF FELLOW PARTY MEMBER FRANCOIS BILLOUX, WHO DIED THE WEEK BEFORE. JEAN MICHEL CATALA COMMENTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF "CHANGE" FOR THE NATION'S YOUTH.
3. GEORGES MARCHAIS BEGAN HIS HOUR-LONG SPEECH BY CITING LABOR STATISTICS, INCLUDING UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN FRANCE AND WAGESCALES. HIS COMMENTS SUGGESTING THAT IT WAS THE PS WHICH ABANDONNED THE PROGRAMME COMMUN DREW THE LOUDEST

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APPLAUSE. WHEN HE MENTIONED PRESIDENT CARTER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND FRANCOIS MITTERAND THERE WAS ALSO UNANIMOUS DISAPPROVAL AMONG THE CROWD.

4. THE AUDIENCE WAS SOLIDLY BEHIND MARCHAIS DURING HIS ENTIRE SPEECH, GIVING SHORT ROUNDS OF APPLAUSE AFTER

EVERY FEW SENTENCES. THE TURNOUT WAS IMPRESSIVE AND THE PARTY LEADERSHIP LET THE PEOPLE KNOW HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATED IT.

5. MARCHAIS' VISIT TO MARSEILLE WAS CONDUCTED IN A FULLY PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE WITH A TOTAL ABSENCE OF AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS BY OPPOSITION ELEMENTS.

6. PRINTED MATERIAL ABOUT THE VISIT AND THE SPEECH IS BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH TO DEPT AND PARIS. MEIMA

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